

The Value of *Relationships*

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Introduction:

*“If relationships matter most at the end of our lives,
shouldn’t they matter most now?”*

Max Lucado

***And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I
will make him an help meet for him.*** **Genesis 2:18**

We Were Made from A Relationship: The first time God ever said any thing wasn’t good in the Bible was when man was alone. God intends for us to have a powerful relationship with Him so we can identify what a godly relationship looks like.

I. Before God gives you a relationship, He wants to give you a place.

God desires to place us in a place where purpose can happen.

Why Is A Place So Important Before You Try To Relate To A Person?

If you don’t have a place, then chances are you will take on the place of the person you meet.

If you are not confident in your place, you will be persuaded that other places are better.

Not having a place makes you look for a person who will give you a place or validate a place for you.

A. God gives us a place to be and to belong in His world.

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (V. 8) And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. **Genesis 2:7-8**

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (V. 2) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **Romans 8:1-2**

B. God gives us a place to be and to believe in His world.

And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. **Genesis 2:8**

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; **Hebrews 6:19**

II. Before God gives you a relationship, He wants to give you a provision.

“When we do embrace God’s sovereignty, we find that confidence increases, insecurities fade, worries decrease, and calmness replaces striving.”

Chuck Swindoll

A. They are provisions that God grows to meet your physical needs.

And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, . . . **Genesis 2:9**

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. (V. 12) I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. (V. 13) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. **Philippians 4:11-13**

- B. They are provisions that God grows to meet your spiritual needs.**

... and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. **Genesis 2:9**

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:8

But godliness with contentment is great gain. (V. 7) For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

1 Timothy

6:6-7

Are you willing to live with what He provides?

*“Many people today pursue stuff that is bigger and better,
then pop pills for the misery it brings.”*

Vance Havner

III. Before God gives you a relationship, He wants to give you a purpose.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. He made us to be like Him (In His Image).

Genesis 1:27

*The enemy's number one attack is for you to accept something
other than your identity in Him.*

*... for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to
keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*

2 Timothy 1:12

- A. God gave man a purpose to fulfill His will.**

Authority and accountability: And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **Genesis 2:15**

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

B. God gave man a purpose to obey His Word.

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: (V. 17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Genesis 2:16-17

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Genesis 3:21